

HOUSE No. 5064

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Rice, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act City of the Gardner to Implement Plan Design Authority for Health Insurance Benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Robert L. Rice, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Worcester

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act City of the Gardner to Implement Plan Design Authority for Health Insurance Benefits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 32B and chapter 150E of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Gardner is authorized to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for Employees, Retirees and Dependents without being subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.

SECTION 2

Further, the City of Gardner is also authorized to alter current and future plan design features, and that such action not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.

SECTION 3

Further, the City of Gardner is also authorized, but not mandated to participate in, and/or join the Group Insurance Commission ("GIC") pursuant to G.L. c32A, and such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.

SECTION 4

The provisions of this act shall not affect any obligation under any collective bargaining agreements(s), while such agreements are in effect.

SECTION 5

This action shall take effect upon its passage.